

Oracle's Commitment to Open Source

Oracle is committed to cultivating, supporting, and promoting popular open source technologies that customers can confidently deploy in business-critical environments. We are a founding member of the Linux Foundation, Eclipse Foundation, and the Java Community Process, as well as one of the industry's largest contributors to open source. Oracle invests significant resources in enhancements, testing, optimization, and support for many projects used by millions of people each day. Oracle software, combined with open source technologies, enables customers to reap the benefits of high performance, reliability, and data security while lowering their cost of computing.



CHOOSING AN OPEN SOURCE TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER

Many companies today promote their open source credentials, often leading to confusing claims about who is a true open source technology provider. Open source is a way to develop and distribute software; not a strategy or business model. Open source is not something that certain companies can do and others cannot. Many companies like Oracle are successful at developing and distributing open source software as well as other software. So there really isn't any such thing as an open source company—just companies that develop and distribute open source software and have many different business models.

What criteria can you use to choose an open source technology provider? If you want to choose a vendor for business critical applications, look for a vendor with:

- Strong financials, with staying power
- World-class support, including global scale and reach
- Global brand
- Strategic relationships with a broad ecosystem of software and hardware partners

ORACLE'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT

Our commitment to open source began in 1998, when the company released the industry's first commercial database on Linux. Through its acquisition of Sun Microsystems in 2010, Oracle also became the steward of many other important and long-running open source projects such as the Java programming language, which was started in 1996, and the MySQL relational database, introduced in 1995. The acquisition of Sleepycat Software, brought the open source Berkeley DB key/value store, first released in 1991. These projects continue to flourish and many original participants still work on them at Oracle today.

As a result, today Oracle is a leader in the development of many of the best known open source projects in the world, including Java, Linux, MySQL, and VirtualBox. We are a founding member or Platinum sponsor for key open source governing bodies such as the Linux Foundation, the Cloud Native Computing Foundation, the Eclipse Foundation, and the Java Community Process.

Oracle continues to further demonstrate its commitment by running its own internal IT systems for more than 135,000 employees on open source infrastructure, and has realized first hand the benefit of lower IT costs. Oracle's internal software development organization, with more than 45,000 developers, uses many open source products as part of the product development process. And Oracle Cloud, one of the world's most popular clouds for business, is designed with Oracle open source technologies at its heart.

MORE THAN JUST CODE—SUPPORT AND TRAINING

Oracle contributes substantial code and bug fixes to various open source projects. However, that's only the start. Oracle also offers world-class support and training for its open source offerings. Oracle Premier Support provides access to product updates and enhancements, as well as technical assistance and support resources to help you maintain your product, optimize performance, and effectively implement new software functionality.

This support includes:

- Global, 24/7 access to Oracle experts, knowledge, tools, and best practices
- Continuous access to innovation, including product updates, enhancements, and new releases
- Powerful proactive support resources to prevent problems, speed resolution, and simplify upgrades
- Oracle's unique Lifetime Support Policy, which enables you to move to new versions of software when you're ready

For more information, see www.oracle.com/support/.

Oracle's rich training curricula for our open source products helps users build their product expertise and ensure that they get the most out of their investment. For more information, see <https://education.oracle.com/>.

OPEN STANDARDS

Open source software is just one avenue for preserving technology choice. Another is open standards. Oracle is a member of 92 standards setting bodies with hundreds of employees participating in leadership roles, administrative or policy committees, or technical working groups. Open standards, like open source, make it possible for users to control their own technology path and avoid vendor lock-in.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Oracle has been, and continues to be, fully committed to offering freedom of technology choice and lower cost of computing for customers. Today, many customers are using Oracle software, including open source technologies, in business-critical environments. For more information about how Oracle open source technologies can benefit your business, visit www.oracle.com/opensource.

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